

House Resolution No. 4629

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Phillip M. Ragsdale lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Edwina Rost, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Jerry Porter on November 8, 1958, in Marshfield, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Phillip and Edwina Ragsdale have had the pleasure of raising three children, Loren Ragsdale, Marla Koch, and Darrell Ragsdale, and the privilege of spoiling six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, Phillip Ragsdale has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes toiling as a cattle farmer; retiring after serving fifty years as a Lineman and General Manager of Webster Electric Co-op; being a recipient of the A.C. Burrows Service Award, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Lifetime Achievement in Business Award; serving as a member and President of University of Missouri of Webster County, past member and President of the Optimist Club, past member of the Gideon Association, and Sunday school teacher at Mt. Sinai Church; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Edwina Ragsdale further distinguished herself by serving as a Sunday school secretary/treasurer and as past Vice President of the Webster County Gideon Association; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Phillip and Edwina Ragsdale have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale of Marshfield commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the United Methodist Church in Marshfield:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Phillip and Edwina Ragsdale and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Phillip M. Ragsdale.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 6626, adopted November 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker